

**Fergal from Belfast/  
Northern Ireland**

When people think of Ireland, they always say Dublin. But have you heard of Belfast, the capital of Northern Ireland? It's an old city with loads of things to do. It was known for shipbuilding and had the largest shipyard in the world.

The doomed Titanic was built here. If you come here, go and see the Titanic Experience, it's really great! I also love fantasy stuff! Did you know that parts of *Game of Thrones* were filmed here?

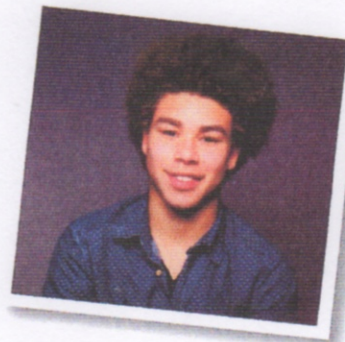


**hear of** höra talas om  
**loads to do** massor att göra  
**shipbuilding** skeppsbyggeri  
**shipyard** skeppsvarv  
**doomed** dömd (till undergång)  
**was built** byggdes  
**the Titanic Experience** en utställning om Titanic  
**experience** upplevelse

**Bardo from Canberra/Australia**

G'day and welcome down-under! And before you ask, no, I don't live in Sydney, which most people think is Australia's capital. And, no, I don't live in Melbourne, Brisbane or Perth. I live in Canberra. The story goes that Canberra was only built because the cities of Sydney and Melbourne couldn't agree on which of them should be the capital.

Canberra is often called 'the bush capital' because there are large areas of natural plants in the city.



**g'day** = hello (i Australien)  
**down-under** på andra sidan jordklotet  
**the story goes** det sägs att  
**could** kunde  
**agree on** komma överens om

**bush** skogsland, vildmark  
**plant** växt

**Tysha from Belmopan/Belize**

Ever heard of the capital city of Belize in Central America? Not many people in Europe know it's called Belmopan. It was built in the 1960's after a hurricane destroyed Belize City and has a population of only 14,000. But I like it small. It means I can get to know all the great places to visit.

The name 'Belmopan' comes from a mix of the country's name Belize

and its main river the Mopan. Belize became independent from the UK in 1981, which explains why English is our first language.



**ever** någonsin  
**hurricane** orkan, svår storm  
**destroy** förstöra  
**population** befolkning  
**mix** blandning  
**main river** största flod  
**explain** förklara

**FOLLOW UP**

1. Which English-speaking countries/cities have you been to?
2. Which of the capital cities in the text would you like to visit most? Why?